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SUBJECT: KINSHASA - QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT

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[1](#)I. Summary of Significant Events

[1](#)A. Narrative Overview of Activities

- On June 2, sparked by a temporary takeover of Bukavu, students and sympathizers filled the streets, throwing rocks and anything else they could get their hands on. The protests were first aimed at MONUC, then the GDRC in general. Americans were told to stay at the Embassy or at their residences throughout the trouble. Employees were taken home from the Embassy and JAO in armored vehicles the first afternoon of the demonstrations by the RSO and ARSO.

- A coup attempt the early morning of 06/11 woke the community to gunfire and streets filled with tanks and armed soldiers. A presidential palace guard led about 40 rebels to take over a local radio station and shut down the city's electricity. The attempt was quelled later in the day with an undetermined amount of casualties. During both security incidents, the RSO used a new cell phone group text message communication link to keep the American community informed on what was happening and what to do.

- Deputy Assistant Secretary Donald Yamamoto visited Kinshasa both in April and in June to meet DRC and business liaisons and to conduct town meetings with members of the American community.

- Congressman Edward Royce and retinue visited Kinshasa and Brazzaville 06/26 - 06/30. Their schedule on both sides of the river and requests for armed escort put an additional demand on the RSO office.

- ARSO Edward Webb and SSGT Andrew Sellhorn, the MSG Detachment Commander, left post in June for their next assignments in Washington, D.C.

[1](#)1. All construction projects have been reported to the Department.

[1](#)2. Visit for VIP visitors:

Deputy Assistant Secretary Donald Yamamoto 4/03 - 4/06 and again 06/21 - 06/23

Con. Edward Royce 6/26 - 6/30

Former Brazzaville Ambassador John Kaeuper and Senator John Turner 6/21/ - 6/28

[1](#)3. Significant liaison, OSAC and other community-related business:

04/24 - RSO and CLO met with the American community to talk in generalities about evacuations, including how to prepare and what has to happen to initiate one.

04/28 - ARSO and DCM met with the Kinshasa mayor about closing the street in front of the Portuguese embassy, next to the U.S. Chancery.

[1](#)4. Reference to time-consuming investigations:

N/A

[1](#)5. Non-routine and other official visitors:

4/04/ - 4/21 - Visit of Political TDYer Benedict Castle.

4/04 - 4/12 - Visit of GSO TDYers Mark Day, Clyde George, George Harrison, Darrell Johnson and Steve Johnson

4/6 - 4/18 - Visit of DAO TDYer Roy Neve

4/07 - Meeting with MONUC security representatives on physical security issues

4/09 - 4/17 - Visit of CDC TDYer Anne Rimoin

4/09/ 4/21 - Visit of GSO TDYer Patrick Plunkett

4/10 - 4/20 - Visit of RSO TDYers Jeff Hill and Timothy Long

4/13 - Brief CDC contractors on security in the provinces

4/14 - Brief Citigroup South African senior OPS official

4/15 - 6/10 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYers Matthew Martino, Forest McGee, Pablo Gonzales, Thomas Skaar, Daniel Varela

4/12 - 4/15 - Visit of RSO TDYer Joseph Green

4/11 - 4/16 - Visit of USAID TDYer David Lockhart

4/13/ - 4/21 - Visit of GSO TDYer Joseph Schubert

4/19 - 4/23 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYers Ed Von Hagel, Johanna LaPierre, David Stinson

4/20 - 4/23 - Visit of ORA TDYers John Levorson, Brain Bauder, Jonathan Forman

4/24 - 4/27 - Visit of CDC TDYer Esmail Torkashvan

4/25 - 4/29 - Visit of ORA TDYer Kim Coulter

5/02 - 5/04 - Visit of ORA TDYer Nicole O'Neill

5/02 - 7/02 - Visit of RACs TDYer Tyson Sackett

5/02 - 7/03 - Visit of RSO TDYer Jennefer Pekkinen

5/10 - 5/25 - Visit of USAID TDYer Jerrylin Jordan

5/13 - 5/20 - Visit of DAO TDYers Rhett Krulla, Terrance Pickron

5/17 - 6/17 - Visit of RSO TDYer James Kelleher

5/17 - 5/21 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYers Thomas Prasse, Illya Knolton

5/17 - 5/26 - Visit of DAO TDYer Alfred Rosu

5/18 - Brief World Bank representative Arnold Drexel

5/23 - 5/30 - Visit of DAO TDYers Eugene Mensch, Letitia Lawson, Patience Veloza

5/29 - 6/18 - Visit of Consular TDYer Edward Errante

6/17 - 6/24 - Visit of USAID TDYer John Langlois

6/19 - 6/27 - Visit of CDC TDYer Serigne Ndiaye

6/21 - 6/25 - Visit of USAID TDYers Nance Kyloh, Paul Birdsall

6/23 - 6/30 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYer Malik Chaka

6/22 - 6/26 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYer Susan Driano

6/19 - 6/26 - Visit of DAO TDYers Jeremy Ellis, Calvin Wilfong

6/22 - 8/10 - Visit of USAID TDYer Timothy McRae

6/23 - 6/27 - Visit of Brazzaville TDYer Kenneth Moorefield

6/13 - 7/01 - Visit of USAID TDYers Zak Bao, Cheikh Talla, Nancy Toolan

6/20 - 8/01 - Visit of Admin TDYer Bernard Rouzes

6/25 - 7/01 - Visit of RSO TDYer James Shipe

16. Other activities having a significant bearing on RSO personnel and resources.

- a. Submission of waiver package for Consular Section that Embassy personnel have occupied for 5.5 years in order to free funding for renovation project.
- b. Student demonstrations from June 2-6. See Kinshasa 1034, 1035, 1037.
- c. Coup attempt on June 11. See Kinshasa 1090.
- d. CODEL Royce visit from June 26-30.

17. Significant training or liaison issues with government officials pertaining to passport or visa fraud.

N/A

18. Mission-wide drills:

1. Chancery

Drill	Date	Next Drill
Fire	03/04	09/04
Bomb	05/03	08/04
Destruction	06/04	07/05
Internal Defense	06/04	07/05
Duck & Cover	06/04	07/05
Warden Official	Every Tuesday	
Warden Unofficial	Every Tuesday	

2. JAO

Drill	Date	Next Drill
Fire	03/04	09/04
Bomb	05/03	08/04
Destruction	06/04	07/05
Internal Defense	06/04	07/05
Duck & Cover	06/04	07/05

3. USAID

Drill	Date	Next Drill
Fire	03/04	09/04
Bomb	05/03	08/04
Destruction	06/04	07/05
Internal Defense	06/04	07/05
Duck & Cover	06/04	07/05

C. Constituent Post

1. Brazzaville, Republic of Congo

2. ARSOs Ed Webb and Michael Jordan

3. 4/16: BDEAC TSS kickoff

4/18: TSS visit and logistics
4/28: TSS visit, guard force briefing
5/06: TSS visit, FSNI briefing
5/13: TSS visit, status check
5/18: Grenade found, TSS briefing
5/21: TSS close-out
6/24: GSO Investigation
6/28: CODEL Visit

4. No drills are conducted in Brazzaville because they have no official office.

D. MSG Activities

1. Internal Defense	04/07
Bomb	04/12
Intruder	04/14
Intruder	04/20
Mob	04/27
Bomb	05/04
Mob	05/20

Real calls June 2 - and June 11

2. RSO and ARSO regularly attend guard school.

3. Semi annual inspection from May 4-6.

4. TDY request for one MSG to provide support in POTUS visit from 06/01 - 06/10.

II. Threats and Incidents

1. Post of Record: Kinshasa

- Three attempts by would-be thieves posing as police/security officials to rob 2 Amcits and one Embassy employee
- N/A
- See Kinshasa 1034, 1035 and 1037 about student demos. See Kinshasa 1090 about attempted coup.

2. Post of Record: Brazzaville

- N/A
- N/A

c. N/A

III. DS Initiated Investigations

1A. Number of Cases Generated by Headquarters Offices:

Assigned	Open	Closed	Pending	Overdue
PSS	8	6	2	0
VF	0	0	0	0
PF	0	0	0	0
CIL	0	0	0	0
PR	0	0	0	0
PII	1	0	1	0

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1B. Number of cases generated by Post

Assigned	Open	Closed	Pending	Overdue
FSN/PSC	8	6	2	0
RFA Agency	0	0	0	0
RFA HQS	0	0	0	0

IV. Action Cables not answered by DS:

N/A

1V. Summary of Separate Reports

1A. CWIG

- 11. 02/18/04
- 12. Kinshasa 00314

1B. Emergency Action Plan

- 11. Kinshasa
- 12. 09/02/02
- 13. Submitted in June 04

- 11. Brazzaville
- 12. 1996
- 13. Update in progress. Unclassified Section 1500 submitted in Jan 04.

1C. Physical Security Surveys:

- 11. Kinshasa - Embassy
- 12. 05/04
- 13. 05/07

- 11. Kinshasa - JAO
- 12. 05/04
- 13. 05/07

- 11. Kinshasa - USAID
- 12. 05/04
- 13. 05/07

1D. Procedural Survey:

- 11. Kinshasa - 06/02
- 12. Brazzaville - N/A

1E. SPE Inventory:

- 11. Kinshasa 00636
- 12. 04/04

1F. Annual Crime Evaluation Questionnaire and OSAC Crime and Safety Reports:

- 11. Kinshasa 3277
- 12. 12/03

1G. Diplomatic Security Overseas Firearms Qualification Policy:

N/A

1H. LEAP Quarterly Status Reports:

- 11. RSO Jeff Lischke - Will be submitted
- 12. ARSO Michael Jordan - Will be submitted

1I. LEAP Annual Recertification:

- 11. RSO Jeff Lischke - Kinshasa 00560 in 03/04
- 12. ARSO Michael Jordan - Submitted in Washington.

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